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# Citizens Display Southwick To Seek Strong Support Federal Funds To For Town Budget

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Several residents spoke in favor of the proposed \$9 million budget at a public hearing Wednesday night. A mill rate increase of 3.7 is necessary to balance the 1983-84 budget, which is nine percent higher than this year's.

Board of Finance Chairman Dennis Kreps and Board of Education Chairman Robert Newman made presentations to 300 individuals in the Suffield High School auditorium

Kreps explained that the town's grand list is estimated to be up only 2.4 percent from this year and since very little can be taken from the Reserve for

Capital Expenditures, taxes must be increased.

Kreps further noted that there is a "dwindling" of Federal Shared Revenue funds. In addition, exorbitant costs for street lights and water continue to increase and cannot be controlled, much the same as health insurance costs for town employees, up 30 to 35 percent in the past year.

Since interest rates have dropped in the past year, Kreps explained, the town gets less money and therefore has little funds to spend or invest. State grants are also becoming increasingly inattainable, according to Kreps He noted that receipt of these grants helps to offset property taxes.

Another portion of the budget which the Finance Board has no control over is salaries for town employees. Kreps stated that police officers are under a union contract which requires that they receive a 9.5 percent raise next year.

Teachers are also working under two-year contracts which allow salary increases according to seniority, he

Kreps noted that the education budget next year is 79 percent of the entire budget. The largest increase is in employee insurance benefits, he said, although the

# By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen have given approval for the library trustees to file a letter of intent to apply for federal funding for library construction.

**Build Library** 

According to Trustee Gerald Davis, the Library Services and Construction Act has been in existence since the 1960's, but there has been no money available until this year. He said funds will be available for projects in the planning stages, but not for work already in pro-

Davis suggested that because a definite lease has not yet been signed for renting Consolidated School, the opportunity may be available for the town to obtain funds for rehabilitation work so that the library could be housed there in the future.

He noted that renting the now-vacant building was still the best path for the town to follow financially, but if the planned lease was not accomplished, work could be started to allow the library use of the building before. the original 30-year timetable was envoked.

Selectman Alan Ferrigno stated the board could not agree to such a proposal because they have accepted \$3,000 from Track News Service Inc., to keep the building on hold until August 1. He said this prohibits the space being available for construction which is one of the requirements for application.

Although the board did give approval for the application, it suggested that trustees consider improving the present building on College Highway. Several problems would exist if the town considered this, however.

The lot is small and any major addition would eliminate the parking lot. Ferrigno suggested either adding another floor to the 1½ story structure or expanding the front and side portions. The building itself, however, has historical significance and any reconstruction would require special consideration, according to

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Light Stuff...

# **Making Memories** With Mom

By Jeanne Hofmann

Here comes another Mother's Day and another chance to entertain Mom by giving her some special memories. What shall we do for her this Sunday?

Some of us will take Mom out to dinner. This is a good choice if there are no children in the party under

Kids over 13 can't bear to be away from a phone for more than an hour and they lose their ability to communicate when deprived. Mom notices their silence and feels a little guilty.

Humans under 10 suffer greatly in restaurants

mostly from waiting for the food. And this gang never suffers in silence.

Since the time between courses seems endless, who can blame them for kicking the table legs, shredding their napkins into confetti, or taking a bold bite of something new (like raw broccoli) and spitting it out onto their plate after the first chew? Certainly not Mom!

Mom understands better than anyone - but she does still feel a bit of inner turmoil when the waitress slips on the peas some little one has secretly blown off the table with a straw...

Another popular choice for entertaining Mom is the "Family Dinner At Home." The only trouble with this is that the hostess is usually somebody's mother herself. From whence comes her Mother's Day tribute?

Certainly, this tribute is not in the moment she has to get up early to dust, clean the bathroom bowl and put the roast beast in the oven!

If we can be honest about this unique Sunday in May, we have to face the truth: Mother's Day-never quite turns out to be totally carefree for Mom.

"We've been asking mothers of every generation to give us true confessions all this week. The consensus seems to be a mixture of joy and guilt. There is much joy in the many gestures of love from the family. And there is guilt in not appreciating those gestures enough

For instance, there is one, almost universal experience among moms, none of whom have enjoyed it no matter how hard they tried. This is "Breakfast In Bed."

The scenario goes something like this: Mom wakes up an hour earlier than usual to the sounds of whispers and giggles. She makes believe she is asleep because that is what everyone needs her to do.

Finally, surprise, surprise, here comes the family with the breakfast tray. It includes cold, burned toast with a lump of butter that invariably contains either dog hair or last night's spaghetti sauce.

There is also coffee with a least five spoonfuls of sugar and a "Fruit Loop" floater. What does she do

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CONCERNED TOWNSPEOPLE IN SUFFIELD listen to the presentation of the \$9 million town budget at a public hearing at Suffield High School on Wednesday, May 4th. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



AN OVERVIEW OF THE SUFFIELD SCHOOL SYSTEM was presented to the public courtesy of the Suffield Jaycees and the Curriculum Council on Monday, April 25th. The program included philosophy, curriculum, and budget information. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

#### SUFFIELD BUDGET - From Page 2...

Board of Education and Finance Board worked

The education budget is up 9.6 percent over this year's. Kreps added that there will be one less principal next year and the teaching staff will be cut by 1.6 per-

Board of Education Chairman Robert Newman told the audience, "Our goal is to provide a quality education and still maintain a responsibility to the taxpayers. He stressed that the board has tried to cut costs in

Barbara Chain of Boston Neck

Mary Dixon, a resident of North Stone Street and known critic of the education department, also spoke in favor of this year's education budget. She remarked

that the Board of Education has been extremely open to the people and that new Superintendent Bernard Ellis has been "beyond openness.

"This superintendent will turn your system around,"
Mrs. Dixon told the audience." She said she spent nearly six hours in the schools recently, with principals students, and Dr. Ellis. "You must realize that the child in the classroom today is not the same as the child used to be."

Warren Packard of Mountain Road also voiced support for the school budget, noting that any further cuts would hurt the school system. He stressed the need to increase the grand list in Suffield and pointed out that this can be done by increasing commercial and industrial development here.

Agreeing with this idea, First Selectman Ronald Birmingham noted that commercial development is one way to offset the tax burden on property owners in town. The money is in place for the newly-formed Economic Development Commission and there is land available for development by the airport, he added.

He said although he is not happy about an increased mill rate, there is very little in the 1983-84 budget that can be cut. He explained that much of the budget is pre-determined by contracts and rate fee schedules, agreed upon with water and electric companies.

The budget will be voted on at a Town Meeting on

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together to control expenditures and keep staff costs down.

areas which do not directly affect the students.

Road, in defending the school budget, noted that she had seven children attend Suffield schools. She said her children could not have found the interests they are now pursuing if they had not been offered the variety of programs available in the school system.

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# Teachers Aides To Receive 6.2% Hike In Pay Next Year

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Teacher aides will receive a 6.92 percent salary increase for the 1983-84 school year if the education budget is accepted at the May 25th town meeting. The Board of Education Tuesday night approved a one-year teacher aide contract spelling out

The aides, who have never worked under a contract before, will now be getting the same beneifts as other non-certified staff, according to board member Mary Ann Muska.

She stated Wednesday that 20 teacher aides now work in Suffield's school system.

Mrs. Muska worked with the aides to draft their contract. She explained that they requested a contract in order to remain consistant with other school employees working under contracts.

In other business at the meeting, Superintendent Bernard Ellis reported that he and other administrators have formed the Suffield Project Committee, This group, which has met once, is a technical committee that will write grants to fund certain school projects.

Ellis explained that funding a project deals with three areas. First, he said, the public must be surveyed to discover what the majority of the community wants for the school system.

Second, Dr. Ellis said, the needs of the students must be examined. The committee will review what the schools are doing and determine what kinds of projects

He said the third step will be to develop a program for the entire school system which will serve the needs of both the public and the students. "We are now asking for funding to do the public survey," Ellis noted.

Also at the meeting, Assistant Superintendent Frank Albus reported that the school system has taken measures to improve security in its buildings.

Administrators have been watching for vandalism in the past year, he noted, especially since the high school received damage of \$4,500 in August of last year. Windows were smashed in that incident.

Albus stated that there has also been some problems with vandalism at Spaulding School, therefore, the exterior doors of the building were re-keyed this year. In addition, McAlister Middle School's doors were rekeyed last September, Albus added.

He said that a survey has been conducted within the school system to keep track of the number of keys to each building given out.

Board of Education Chairman Robert Newman requested that Dr. Elllis look into the development of a security system to further protect school buildings in



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# Planners Reaffirm Support Of Bike Track

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Because the issue of establishing a bicycle race track in the center of town has caused much controversy, the Planning Board Thursday unanimously reaffirmed its decision to approve the track

The earlier decision was supported by only three members of the five-member board. It was also determined that recently elected member Theodore Dernago had not been sworn in at the time of the decision. This week all five members voted approval of the request made by Don Podolski of Westfield.

A public hearing concerning the request was held in March. Several residents were present at this week's meeting but the board was required, by law, to make its decision before additional comments could be heard.

Although several neighbors of the proposed track voiced complaints about possible noise and added traffic, the main concern of the board, according to Selectman Chairwoman Vivivan Brown, should be that there is a zoning by-law which forbids race tracks of any kind, in any zone, unless it falls under the jurisdiction of the school department.

mined that recently elected member Theodore Der Dernago, his board dealt with the intent of the by-law. He said bicycle racing is considered totally different from other types of racing, even in state regulations.

Planners felt bicycle racing is a family activity involving mostly children as participants. This type of activity did not seem to present health or safety hazards to residents and is not contrary to the intent of the original by-law enacted in 1950, according to plan-

ners.
There is a 20-day appeal period for anyone objecting to the Planning Board decision. After that time, if Podolski still plans to operate the track at the College Highway site, he must apply to selectmen for a business permit.

Selectmen are authorized to grant permits for all racing activities in town, including the present Motor-X track at the American Legion, in operation for 10 years.

Planners noted that not only has the town allowed the Motor-X track to operate but also allowed construction of tracks for one-day racing events as well. The board is also considering changing the race track by-laws to allow for recreational tracks but barring horse, dog, and motorized races.

In its annual reorganizational meeting, the board unanimously elected Theodore Dernago as chairman; Clyde Jones, vice-chairman; and Arthur Redfern, clerk.

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In other business, the board Wednesday announced\* there would be no "spring clean-up" days this year, ac-Superintendent Merton Seibert.

According to Seibert, his four-man department is heavily involved with road repair work this spring and the week-long cleanup would take too much time from \* his department. The town has been collecting rubbish in ... the spring for the past nine years.

Selectmen granted a permit to David Brzoska for his \* restaurant on College Highway, called the Driftwood \* Restaurant which has a sit-down capacity for 49 patrons and will also service take-out orders, according to

Charles P. Rogers of 68 Powder Mill Road has been appointed police dispatcher to replace the recently dismissed Thomas Yourous. Rogers, who is also a reserve police officer, will receive a week of training \* before assuming his duties. The appointment is effective immediately.



### Selectmen Ask Unions To Reopen Stalled **Contract Negotiations**

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen here are asking the town's two employee unions, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers to resume contract negotiations this month.

Town employees have been without a contract since July of 1982. The year-long negotiation process hit a snag last month because of an alleged "blue flu" by town employees and a resulting press conference where selectmen blasted the unions

In its letter to the unions, the board is requesting that negotiations be conducted in open session rather than in executive session, as has been the previous practice.

Selectmen Chairwoman Vivian Brown and Ferrigno voted in favor of the move while newly-elected Selectman Benedict Nascembeni voted to hold negotiations behind closed doors, according to Mrs. Brown.

# Intra-Mural Sports At McAlister Discussed By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: At the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, the intramural sports program at McAlister Middle School was discussed and reviewed by board members

Ron Savoi, director of the program, told the board that during this year, 55 to 60 percent of all McAlister students have participated in at least one sport.

He noted there are 12 to 15 different activities offered for youths to learn while they participate. "We try to get kids to enjoy the sports," Savoie remarked. In addition, he said the teachers are an important

reason for the program's success. The teachers care and are willing to spend time after school with the students, according to Savoie, who is also a McAlister

He stated that next year there will be activities added to the program such as cross country skiing, an overnight camping trip to Springfield College, and a cave exploration program.

Savoie noted that a sports barbeque is planned for June 7th, when awards will be given to students.



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#### **School Board Okays** Program For METO **Another Year**

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The School Committee Tuesday voted unanimously Tuesday night to continue local participation in the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) for another school year.

METCO is a state funded program which provides minority urban children the opportunity to be bussed to suburban schools.

Southwick is one of four towns in the Springfield area participating in the 10-year old program. There are 24 Springfield students in grades one through nine in Southwick. The town receives \$23,444 from the state to educate these children.

Although members of the committee voiced concern that this figure does not represent the true per-pupil cost, Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn explained that this small number of children, in seven different grades, did nothing to increase the cost to Southwick.

He said the money is "almost a gift" because neither the cost of utilities or the staff are affected.

The program began locally with six children in the first grade. Of the total, there are now four students in grade 1, two in grade 2, two in grade 3, five in grade 4, four in grade 7, four in grade 8, and three in grade 9.

The local school department has served 24 children over approximately five years. Children who enter the program usually do so on the first grade level. As students dropout of the program, they are replaced with first graders.

#### **School Committee Planner To Examine** Reapplication For Names LeBlanc As Summer School Head Hudson Dr. Excavation

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The School Committee Tuesday appointed George LeBlanc as director of the proposed summer school program, with a salary of \$700. LeBlanc is presently guidance director at Powder Mill School and director of the adult evening school program.

The newly instituted summer school program is expected to be self-sustaining, according to officials. Informational fliers will be sent home with students within a

The four week program will basically serve high school students who need to makeup credits or take courses they cannot fit into their regular academic schedules.

Computer courses and remedial reading for elementary school children will also be offered. According to the proposal, the classes will be open to primarily Southwick students but out-of-town students will also be accepted on a space available basis.

No program has yet been organized nor has the tui-tion been set. According to School Superintendent Louis Josselyn, LeBlanc will be responsible for setting up the program and hiring staff. He will be paid \$300 for this preliminary work and the remaining \$400 in two installments once the program is underway.

The committee appointed Linda Grandfield of Bonnie View Road as clerk at the high school in other business. Described by Dr. Josselyn as a "supreme utility person in the system," has worked for the school department in various substitute and part-time positions for several years

She will replace Catherine Cox, who recently resigned after ten years of service at the high school.

By Andi Phelps

At their Thursday, May 19th meeting the Planning Board will meet with Fred Hanks and James Lash, representing Roncari Enterprizes, concerning the company's reapplication for a permit to excavate gravel on property off Hudson Drive. They hope to schedule a June public hearing on the request.

Although Roncari's original proposal is in litigation, Hanks said the granting of the second hearing request would not prejudice the court case. He said this is a 'totally separate and different proposal.'

In other business at this past Thursday night's meeting, planners told Building Inspector Minio Benetti they would stand behind his decision to refuse building permits for two house on Hillcrest Road.

There had been a question whether Hillcrest Rd. was a public or private way. Planners said permits could also be refused in consideration of the health and safety of present residents.

In location under consideration is a main drainage area for ground water. Either the new houses would be troubled with the excess water or the land would be excavated to cause problems for the present property owners, planners said.

Although Town Counsel John Burke said building permits should be issued, authorities felt he did not have enough information to make such a decision. Benetti will meet further with Burke concerning the situation.

### Two Candidates Seek GOP Nod For First Selectman

Suffield: Two Suffield Republicans have announced to the Republican Town Committee that they are seeking their party's nomination for the office of First Selectman.

William G. Harrison is a longtime police officer and owner of a landscaping business. Alan White is a quality control engineer at Pratt and Whitney Group of United Technologies.

Both candidates have emphasized the need for controlled economic development and for planning for the rest of this decade and the next.

Harrison said his major goal in office will be to foster economic development in town, thereby reducing the burden on the average taxpayer.

"I would like to see Suffield be an actor, not a reactor," Harrison said. "I will work to make Suffield a balanced community."

White said, if elected, he will attempt to encourage controlled growth and civic enrichment.

"I would like to set the pace for years to come and am open to new ideas," White said. "I also would give the town's boards and commissions more autonomy in

addition to improving communications between them and the First Selectman's office. I am a manager and will use all my skills to have the town run like a well-managed business."

After the meeting, Republican Town Committee Chairperson Mary Dixon said, "I'm very pleased. They are both good, strong-looking candidates. We are going to have some positive, healthy competition, and our record from last year shows we can do it without splitting the par-





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# Joint Committee On **Insurance Votes For Major Changes - Walsh**

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D) of Agawam and Representative Robert L. Howarth (R) of Springfield announced this week that the Joint Legislative Committee on Insurance favorably voted out of committee a measure to make major changes in the current automobile insurance system.

Among Highest In Nation

The two area legislators said, Massachusetts continue to be among the highest in the nation. They continue to increase, despite the fact that the commissioner sets the rates each year.

"It has become clear that other factors must be taken into consideration if rates are to be stabilized." The bill voted on by the committee represents a move

in the right direction.

Walsh and Howarth continued, "There are a number of important changes offered in this legislation. We believe the most significant is the language which directs the commissioner to pass on to the good drivers those savings realized by charging the poor drivers a higher premium.

"This would be done by the creation of a safe driver insurance plan, which would provide for different premiums for motorists, based upon at-fault accidents, convictions of moving traffic violations, or combina-

tions thereof.
"Additionally, the bill contains language directing that any savings realized through reductions in fraud be reflected in the overall rate making process.

In commenting on a move within the committee to eliminate the commissioner's power to allow competitive ratings, Walsh and Howarth stated, "We cannot accept any proposal which calls for repeal of competitive rating. The current system of allowing the commissioner to make this determination provides the public with adequate protection from potential abuses by the automobile insurance industry.

**Competitive Ratings** 

"It also provides the commissioner with the flexibility to implement competitive rating, should he find the conditions suitable. This scheme strikes a workable

In concluding, Walsh and Howarth stated, "We look forward to working for passage of this legislation, as well as to the relief it should bring to the vast majority of drivers in the Commonwealth.

#### Rep. Walsh Continues Regular Office Hours In Town

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will continue holding regular office hours in Agawam and

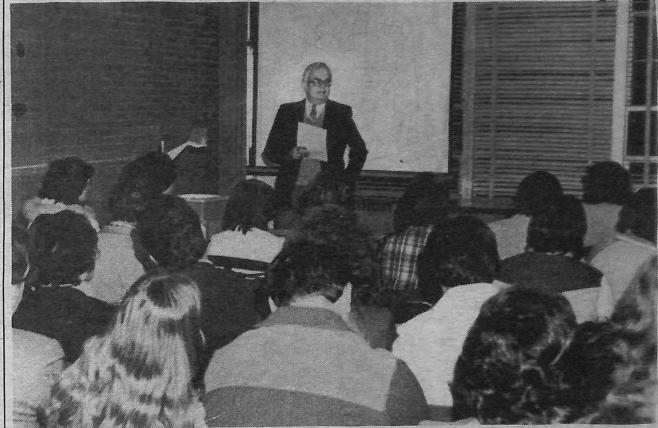
Agawam office hours are held at the Town Hall Annex from 1 to 4 p.m. the first and third Fridays of every

In Southwick, office hours are held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Town Hall on the second and fourth Fridays.

Those constituents who wish to meet with Representative Walsh please make an appointment by calling him at 786-4545 or (617) 722-2220.

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# Kindergarten Orientation At Spaulding



THE KINDERGARTEN STAFF AT SPAULDING SCHOOL presented a program recently to acquaint parents of incoming kindergarten children with the staff members who will be working with those children next fall and to explain what each staff member's rale will be in the youngsters' lives. Anyone knowing a new Suffield resident with a kindergarten-aged child is asked to tell him to call the school to register for the fall. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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with this exquisite continental breakfast? If everyone stays to watch, she eats it. If they leave her to enjoy it in solitude and peace, she hides it under the bed, hoping the dog or cat won't drag out the evidence before she has a chance to undertake the covert operation of disposing it.

After breakfast in bed, the next universal memory among mothers is the "Special Bouquet." This consists of dandelion heads and the little purple weeds that

grow everywhere in early May.

What agony our heroines have suffered by not having the proper vase anywhere in the house to display this tribute to its best advantage. Flowers with one inch stems aren't easy to arrange artistically - but give Mom her due - she tries.

And now we come to the subject of "Cards & Presents." The handmade cards are her favorites. There probably isn't a mother in the world who doesn't have a special dresser filled with memorable messages such as: "Roses are red, violets are blue, if you don't love me, I'd feel like poo.

As for presents, the handmade variety far outweighs anything in diamonds or gold. Picture this: A lovely, serenely decorated living room. Everything matches except for one thing - instead of a comfy hassock in front of Mom's easy chair, there is a funny little stool.

This gift has pea-green kitchen chair legs, only two of which touch the floor. On its plywood surface is the word "Mom" scrawled in silver paint. To an insensitive visitor, this piece of furniture might look strangely out

But to the lady who received it 30 years ago from an eight-year old son on Mother's Day, it is the most beautiful heirloom in the house.

What shall we do for Mother's Day Sunday? We couldn't possibly give her the due she deserves. But however we choose to celebrate it, we can include a special gift for her somewhere in the festivities - a message in our own words and our own handwriting that somehow says, "Thanks Mom. I love you." Her special chest or drawer will welcome this addi-

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### **Suffield Lions Raffle**



DRAWING THE WINNING TICKETS for the Suffield Lions Club's fuel oil raffle is co-owner of the Suffield Inn Jean Kulas as Lions Club Raffle Chairman Kerry Caldon, Past President Fran Christian, and Treasurer Anthony Putkowski look on. Winners were the Suffield V.F.W., first prize of 250 gallons of fuel oil; Sharon Baillargeon, second prize of 200 gallons of fuel oil; G.B. Kulas of Windsor Locks, third prize of 150 gallons of fuel oil; and Jason Gargano of West Suffield, third prize of one cord of firewood. Proceeds from this raffle will benefit the club's civic projects.

Suffield Garden Club Plans May Market

The sixth annual garden market of the Suffield Garden Club, Inc., a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., will be held on Thursday, May 19th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hatheway Barn

and Grounds, rain or shine.

Mrs. Alan Nath and Mrs. Russell Cobb, co-chairmen, have announced the following committee heads: Christina Ahrens, geraniums; Joan Bunting, members' plants; Pat Stewart, gate; Dolly Bryll and Helen Zera, refreshments; Nancy Whitten, gourmet foods; Judy Spaulding, recipes; Nikki Deupree, props and staging; Marion Schmidt, members' crafts; and Marie Boyd, Betty Sexton, and Mary Hedges, collectibles.

Several exhibitors from Massachusetts and Connecticut, including the Grasshopper Greenery of Southwick, will be on hand to offer a variety of items for sale. Hundreds of geraniums in pink, red, and salmon will be available this year as well as several ivy

Again this year, the Suffield Regional Vo-Ag students will be on hand with their "wagon-load" of plants. They will also be offering free soil-testing.

The new recipe booklet this year will feature seafood and poultry entrees and appetizers. The gourmet food table will offer a variety of delicious items.

Proceeds from this event will be used for awards made to seniors in the Vo-Ag program and also for the club's various civic beautification projects.

#### **Women's Club Slates Meeting**

Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club will hold its annual meeting and installation of officers in the Connecticut Room at Storrowton Tavern in West Springfield on Tuesday, May 10th, at noon. Ginger's talented team will be in charge.

The program will feature two young adults from the Hartford Conservatory of Music, the oldest music

school in Connecticut.

Reservations are necessary and may be made with Emily Formanek or Aphie Reidy

Officers to be installed include Peggy Supple, president; Barbara Schub, first vice-president; and Joan Bedard, second vice-president. All other officers have one more year to serve.

Daughter Born To Persio Family

A daughter was born to Joseph and Susan Graves Persio of 69 Turkey Hill Road, Chester, Connecticut,

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#### SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Sponsored By Friends Of Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., May 9: Emergency Aid Assn. board mtg., 1 p.m., 1 Clinic Bldg.; Prepared Childbirth Class, 7, Emergency Aid Bldg.; Fire Drill, 7, Central Firestation; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Hearta Church Hall. All are welcome.

Tues., May 10: Women's Club annual luncheon mtg., Noon, Old Storrowton Tavern; Rotary Club, 6, Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7, St. Joseph's Church Hall; Library Board of Trustees, 7:30; Social Services Commission, 7:30, Town Hall; Housing Authority, 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Water Pollution Control Authority, 7:30, Town Hall.

Wed., May 11: Child & Family Services Thrift Shop open Wed. & Thurs., 10-3:30, Fri. & Sat., 10-1; Mapleton Literary Club, 2:30, Kent Library; Movie, 7, Kent Library; Retirement Commission, 7:30, Town Hall; Athletic Booster Club, 7:30, Suff. High cafeteria; St. Joseph's Rosary Guild, 7:30, Church hall; Policel Commission, 7:30, Town Hall; Public Hearing on Town Budget, 8, Suffield High; Suffield Grange No. 27, 8, East St. Firestation.

**Thurs., May 12:** Board of Selectmen, 3:30, Town Hall; Suffield Council for the Arts board mtg., 7:30; Annual Music Festival, 7:30, Suffield High, no tickets available at door; Ambulance Assn., 7:30, Town Hall Annex; Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's Church hall. Fri. & Sat., May 13 & 14: Suffield Players present I "Vanities." Curtain opens 8 p.m. Mapleton Hall. For I tickets, call 623-4483.

#### **Historical Society Sets Annual Meeting & Election**

Suffield: The Suffield Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and election of officers and trustees on Monday, May 16th, at 7:30 p.m. at Second Baptist Church. Hostess for the event will be Miss Dorothy

The program will include a show and tell area where members can display some of their historical memorabilia. The doors will open by 6:45 p.m. to allow set-up on tables provided prior to the meeting.

Candidates for officers include the following: Roger Loomis, president; Charles Bell, vice-president; Nathena Fuller, secretary; Frances Seymour, treasurer; Hawley Rising, historian; and Robert Gunshanan, curator.

Trustees to 1986 include Sumner Bissell, Laura Holloway, Evelyn Phelps, and Donald Rollett.

Trustees of the King property are the newly elected society president along with Robert Gunshanan and Walter Chapin.

Other nominations for these positions may be made from the floor that evening. Members of the Nominating Committee are Laura Holloway, chairman; Mrs. Howard Alcorn; and Mrs. Helen Swanson.

#### Library To Show Final Film

Suffield: The final film in the Kent Memorial Library's "Now That You've Read The Book" series

will be presented on Wednesday, May 11th at 7 p.m. It is a steamy, passionate romance based on an original Maxwell Anderson play. The full broadway cast of Burgess Meredity, John Carradine, and others star in this 1936 gem.

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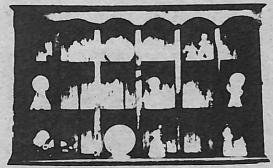
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### Suffield Rec. Dept. **Plans Activities**

**Bruce Park Dedication** 

The dedication of Bazin N. Bruce Memorial Park will be held on Sunday, May 15th, with an opening ceremony at 1 p.m. See related story in this issue for list of activities.

**CPR Courses Scheduled** 

CPR courses will be given in Suffield on the following dates:

May 16 & 18: Course will be offered at Suffield High School from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for current card holders recertification only. Please call Suffield Recreation Department at 668-0237 to register.

May 31 & June 2, 7, & 9: Course will be offered from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for non-certified students aged 14 and older only. Call Rec. Department to register.

Cabaret '83 Auditions

The Rec. Department will hold auditions on May 17th and 18th for its summer musical review "Cabaret '83." Four men and four women are needed for this production which will be directed by Dennis J. Picard and Linda Seabury. Rehearsals begin on May 19th, and the show will run Wednesday to Saturday from July

Auditions are open to Suffield residents from the eighth grade through college years. All interested performers should prepare a ballad and an up-tune with some planned movement. Auditions will begin promptly at 2:15 p.m. in the Suffield High auditorium.

For more information, contact Dennis Picard at 668-7329 or the Rec. Department at 668-0237.

Council Of Churches **Thanks CROP Supporters** 

Suffield: The Suffield Council of Churches extends thanks to everyone who supported the recent CROP Walk for Hunger. Under sunny skies, approximately 150 walkers raised \$2,700 in pledges and donations slated for Polish relief.

To complete the event, however, recruiters need to collect all pledge money by May 15th. Anyone with a sponsor sheet is urged to collect and return their funds to their recruiter or to Syd Fuller as soon as possible.

Jaycees Plan Flea Market

Suffield: The Suffield Jaycees cordially invite clubs or organizations to participate in their Village Green Tag Sale and Flea Market slated for the town green adjacent to the Suffield Public Library on Sunday, June 5th (rain date June 12th). Set-up time is from 9 to 10 a.m. followed by the sale until 5 p.m.

Spaces of 10 feet by 20 feet are available for a fee of \$10. Proceeds will benefit community projects, in-

cluding enrichment of the Green.

For further information, call evenings 668-5392 or 668-0186.

Literary Club To Meet

Suffield: The Mapleton Literary Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, at the Kent Memorial Library beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Speaker Herman Thurston will present a program entitled "Flowers and Feathers." Hostesses for the meeting will be Alice Bartlett, Elizabeth Biggerstaff, Dorothy Kent, Frances Seymour, Ruth Greer, Adell Gardiner, and Elizabeth Canfield.

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Suffield Players To Open New Comedy

" the new spring production of the Suffield Players, will open on Friday, May 13th, and will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays, May 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th at Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

Vanities" is a comedy about three young women growing up in Texas. It begins in high school in the early 1960's, when three cheerleaders talk about boys, being popular, and the value of pep. Scene two takes place in the sorority house in the spring of 1968 as the girls begin to ponder, however dimly, that there is life beyond the ivy-covered walls of the campus. The final scene is a reunion where the now-separated Joanne,

**Horse Show To Benefit** Co-Op Scholarship Fund

Suffield: The Blue Ridge Riders 4-H club will sponsor a horse show on Sunday, May 22nd, to benefit the Suffield Co-Op Scholarship Fund.

The show will be held at the Four Town Fairgrounds, Field Road, Somers, and will begin at 8 a.m. rain or shine. There will be a food booth on the grounds.

Champion categories for the event are "open overall high point" and "youth overall high point.

For more information or to obtain an entry blank, contact Kathy Osowiecki at (203) 668-2178 or Sandy Thorne at (203) 749-3106.

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Tickets for "Vanities," are \$5 and can be reserved by calling (203) 623-4483. Seating is cabaret style. Doors open at 7 with curtain at 8.

Mapleton Hall is located on Mapleton Avenue, Suf-

Players' Scholarship Deadline

Pushed To May 15th Suffield: The Suffield Players have announced that the deadline for applications for the Robert Alcorn

Memorial Drama Scholarship has been changed to May 15th.

An award of \$300 will be presented to a student pursuing a career in some aspect of stage, television, radio, or film production. Applicants must be residents of Suffield and either presently enrolled as a first year student at an accredited institution of higher education or a high school senior intending to do the same

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SOUTHWICK WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS PARTICIPATED in a spring hat contest at their annual meeting held at the Suffield Inn. Here, Gladys Clelland models her version of an Eleanor Roosevelt-type hat; Florence Warriner shows her straw hat; and Marilyn Chunglo displays her creative Snoopy doghouse hat, complete with dog bone "ball fringe." Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

### Southwick Women Re-Elect Officers

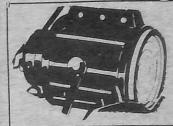
Members of the Southwick Women's Club held their annual spring luncheon and meeting at the Suffield Inn on Mountain Road, Suffield, on Tuesday, May 3rd. Vice-President Mrs. Norman Snow presided.

The following officers were re-elected for the upcoming year: Miss Irene Surges, president; Mrs. Norman Snow, vice-president; Mrs. John Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. William Warriner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Helen Wilkin, treasurer; and Mrs. John Dickinson Jr., auditor.

The three directors include Mrs. David Vitti (1984),

Mrs. Bernhard Kvarnstrom (1985), and Mrs. Frank O'Donnell (1986).

The afternoon program featured a creative hat contest with each hat made and modeled by club members. Winning recognition for the funniest hat was Mrs. George Angell with her tiny straw hat. Prettiest hat citation went to Mrs. Raymond Stevens for her straw version with yellow ribbons and bows. Most creative award went to Mrs. Charles Chunglo, who constructed her "hat" from showboard to depict Snoopy sleeping on his doghouse, complete with dog dish and



# SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENU

Mon., May 9: Roast turkey w/gravy, stuffing, broccoli, cranberry sauce, rye bread, carrot cake, milk

Tues., May 10: American chop suey, zucchini squash, cole slaw, wheat bread, apple, milk Wed., May 11: Liver & onions, whipped potatoes, tomato juice, rye bread, peach cobbler, milk

Thurs., May 12: Chicken 'n gravy, buttered noodles, green beans almondine, wheat bread, spiced apple whip, milk

Fri., May 13: Baked haddock w/creole sauce, herbed rice, spinach, Parker House roll, canned pears, milk

SOUTHWICK SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

On Monday, May 9th, at 1 p.m., the senior citizens group will hold its regular meeting at the center on Point Grove Road.

The annual picnic for seniors sponsored by high school students in the home economics program will be held on Wed., May 11th, at 4 p.m. on the grounds of Southwick High. place on Monday, May 16th, at 7:30 p.m. at the center.

Anyone who needs transportation to these events or more information may call Clara Burton 569-5778.

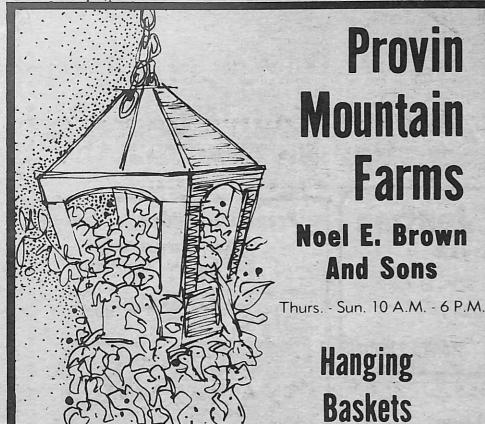
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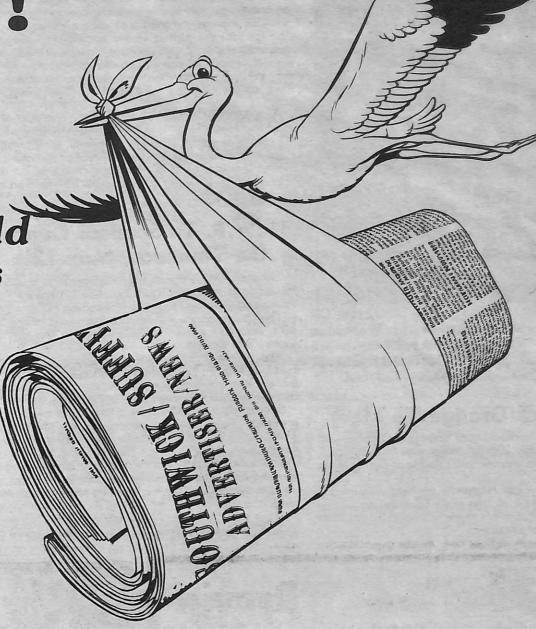
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# Grange Week Display



THIS DISPLAY FROM THE SOUTHWICK GRANGE was on display at the Woronoco Savings Bank in Southwick. April 24th - April 30th the local group celebrated National Grange Week. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

#### Southwick Grange To Meet

The next regular meeting of Southwick Grange will be on Tuesday, May 10th, at the grange hall at 8 p.m. Frederick Hepburn, master, will preside at the business

Pink and Green Sash Night will be held with invited guests present. At 8:30, the business meeting will be recessed for entertainment to be provided by the Widdle Fiddle Band of Westfield.

Refreshments will follow the meeting under the supervision of Ruth Connor, Bob Johnson, and Ann and Newton Thompson.

**AARP Offers Seniors Social Activities** 

Suffield: The Suffield AARP, American Association of Retired Persons, is an area group of over 300 members 55 years of age or older. The meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month from October through May for social programs and refreshments. From June through September, they meet and picnic at Sunrise

This group also takes many bus trips to places of interest, attends meetings which may be either entertaining or informative, and helps with community projects.

AARP members conduct Medicare assistance sessions to aid the elderly of the community with their Medicare claims. Others keep in close touch with state legislative bills of concern to the elderly. In addition, they have made contributions to the town ambulance fund, to Pantry Shelf, and to the Suffield Emergency

Programs at recent meetings have included "Survival in a Hotel Fire," a talk on Suffield history, a briefing on the school system and its needs, slide presentations of varied interests, and musical programs.

Meetings are presently held beginning at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church hall. For more information or to join, please drop by.

#### P.W.P. To Sponsor Dance On Thursday, May 12th

Chapter #990, Parents Without Partners, is sponsoring an open dance on Thursday, May 12th at the Polish American Club on Route 57 in Feeding Hills.

The spring dance will feature the music of the 50's. 60's, and 70's played by "Memories In Motion" disc jockey Bob Knight.

The dance is a benefit for the Strickly Children's Fund of P.W.P., International and proceeds from the \$2.50 tickets will go towards children's programming at the national convention to be held this summer.

Special door prizes will be offered that evening and proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the local Tough Love program, a no-nonsense approach to difficult parenting.

The dance will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and admission is \$2.50. The dance is open to the public and married couples as well as single adults are welcome to at-

Single parents from the Suffield - Southwick area wishing more information on this and other P.W.P. functions are asked to call Myrt (413) 562-5039 or Joanne at 413-732-4317



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By The Suffield Firemen's Assn., Inc.

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2) Never burn charcoal inside the house or in a confined area.

3) If you have a propane gas grill, follow the

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#### Alfred Sheldon Celebrates His 90th Birthday

Suffield: Alfred C. Sheldon of Sheldon St., West Suffield celebrated his 90th birthday on April 20th. His children held an open house in his honor at the home of his son Robert on Sheldon St.

Friends and family came from as far away as Walpole, N.H., Russell, Mass., Glastonbury, Manchester, Simsbury, New Hartford, and Granby, Conn.

He still lives in the house he was born in and has lived in all his life except for about two years in Rockville after graduation from college, now the University of Connecticut, and the next twenty years in the house across the driveway where his son lives now.

Besides his son Robert he has three daughters, Marjorie Phelon of West Suffield, Mary Letty Haas of East Granby, and Alice Loomis of Granby, Conn. He has thirteen grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

#### Agawam Arts-Crafts Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring their annual Arts and Crafts Festival on June 4 & 5th on Main Street in Agawam from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Artists and craftspeople wishing to receive an application to register may contact either Ellen Barnes, festival chairperson at 786-9612 or Maureen Scanlon, club president at 782-4903.

As in the past, a Hospitality Committee will be available to relieve artists for short periods during the weekend show. Also a food concession will be run by club members Terry Gallerani and Diane Leger. The booth fee is \$15 for both Saturday and Sunday; registration is on Saturday morning only from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Spaces are assigned on a first-come basis when applications are received by Ellen Barnes, festival chairperson.

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# Bazin N. Bruce Park To Be Dedicated

By Pat Barnes

For the past several weeks, softballs have been smacking off hot bats, baseballs soaring high toward center field, and soccer balls bouncing off the heads of agile players. All this has been taking place at the Bazin N. Bruce Memorial Park in Suffield.

The park, to be officially dedicated on Sunday, May 15th, is the result of the determined efforts of the Suffield Recreation Commission and particularly of Bazin

N. Bruce

Known informally as Bud, Bruce was a man who spent a large part of his time trying to improve the lives of children. Associated with the Suffield Recreation Commission since its beginning in 1965, Bruce was "always supportive of new and creative ideas and was never discouraged by roadblocks put in the way," says Becky Robinson, who worked with him on the commission.

"He was a fighter," says his wife Harriet Bruce. "He was always encouraging and championing sports for young people," she adds.

At the time of his death six years ago, Bruce and the Recreation Commission were working toward the development of the piece of property behind Spaulding School on Mountain Road into much-needed athletic facilities for the town.

He died before the project was completed, and when it came time to name the new park, the vote to call it the Bazin N. Bruce Memorial Park was unanimous.

Although the original plans called for more facilities on the 23-acre lot, the scaled-down version contains a baseball field, a soccer field, a softball field, and a multi-use field. Work on the park was accomplished with funds provided by the Federal Land and Water Conservation Trust in addition to state and town contributions.

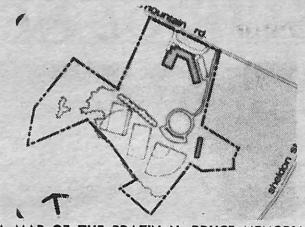
The May 18th dedication of the park is slated to begin at 1 p.m. with opening ceremonies led by Becky Robinson, mistress of ceremonies. An invocation by the Reverend Darwin Price, musical selections by the Suffield High School Band, and remarks by First Selectman Ron Birmingham will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

After the opening ceremonies, group and family games are scheduled to begin on the soccer field at 1:30. A softball game pitting the Fire Department against the Police Department will also begin at 1:30. At 2:00, a Senior League men's baseball game is scheduled, and a Men's Softball Association game is slated to start at 3:00.

The park promises to be a busy place for athletic activities. The baseball field will be used by both the high school varsity and junior varsity teams as well as the Senior Little League. The Suffield Youth Soccer Program, which includes children from kindergarten through grade 8, will make use of the soccer field.

The multi-use area will serve the high school's girls' field hockey team, while the softball field will be used by the girls' varsity team, by the Suffield Recreation Girls' Softball League, by Little League, and by the Men's Softball League.

Although the number of youngsters in different groups using the park may cause scheduling headaches for Recreation Department personnel, one can only think that Bud Bruce would have been pleased that so many young people are involved in so many athletic activities in the beautiful park which now bears his name.



A MAP OF THE BRAZIN N. BRUCE MEMORIAL PARK in Suffield. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



THIS ATTRACTIVE SIGN next to Spaulding School on Mountain Road leads the way to a new recreational site in Suffield. Photo by John Loftus.



# The Library Link

By Eugene Biggio

#### A President In Trouble

A somewhat biased but intimate look at a presidency in trouble is the new book *Crisis: The Last Year Of The Carter Presidency.* It's written by former Carter Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan.

Conde Nast was Vogue Magazine, and Caroline Seebohm's new biography of one of the most successful American magazine publishers is a revealing look at the man and the high society he traveled in.

Joan Givner has been writing on the works and life of Katherine Anne Porter for over a decade and her new biography Katherine Anne Porter: A Life is a mammoth and fascinating look at the celebrated author.

Jaycee Women Sponsor Fingerprint Program

The Suffield Jaycee Women are sponsoring the fingerprinting of the children of Suffield. The printing will be done on a voluntary basis. This service is available free of charge at the Bridge Street School cafeteria on Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for any child newborn through 18 years of age.

Children must be accompanied by their parent who will be asked to sign a permission slip at the time of printing. Officers of the Suffield Police Department have volunteered along with Stanley Staszko of the Sentry Security to do the fingerprinting. The prints will be taken on a personal identification fingerprint card

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Tues., May 10: Tomato rice soup, tuna salad "Long Boys," vegetable sticks, corn chips, applecrisp, milk Wed., May 11: Baked lasagna, tomato sauce, tossed green salaed, garlic bread, cake, milk

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THE JUMP-ROPE-FOR-HEART DAY at the Powder Mill School in Southwick was held on Saturday, April 30th to benefit the American Heart Association. From left - Mark Bodak. Lori Mead, Theresa Haseltine, Cyndie Hunter, Renee Stetson, and Stephen Myers. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

#### Powder Mill Students "Jump" For Heart By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: When students at Powder Mill School were asked to help raise funds for the Heart Association, they certainly "jumped" at the opportunity.

Last Saturday, April 30th, more than 100 youngsters, some parents, and eight teachers all jumped rope for a total of 180 minutes in an effort to raise money for the cause. Students collected pledges from sponsors and then carried through the campaign by jumping rope for the necessary time. The successful drive netted over \$3,000.

Ms. Lynn DeCosmo, a physical education teacher at Powder Mill School, devoted considerable effort and energy to chairing the drive, and her dedication paid off. She became interested in the project for personal reasons along with her desire to do something for the

Ms. DeCosmo's father suffered a heart attack and underwent surgery. In her assembly held to stimulate interest among the children, she explained the anatomy of the heart and discovered that many of the youngsters had already been exposed to some kind of heart problem within their families. In addition to gaining some very-needed funds for the physical education department, many youngsters were delighted to do something they enjoy and help the cause of research on heart diseases at the same time.

The Heart Association offers prizes to students who bring in the most money, along with smaller prizes which go to various levels of money collected. This year's top fundraiser was Joylynne Croup, a fifthgrader who collected over \$200. Many others qualified for such prizes as hats, jump ropes, and duffle bags.

Students formed teams of six members and jumped

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Prior to the jump-a-thon, students participated in a poster contest in which each team drew a poster to advertise the event. These were judged for the one closest to the theme, the most colorful, the most original, and the funniest.

The award for best poster went to the "Cosmos Jumping Hearts," Other teams included "The Heartbeats." The Palpitations," and "The International Jumping Beans.

Ms. DeCosmo praises the manner in which the students got into the spirit of the day, both with posters and actual jumping. "They were so cooperative and their enjoyment was obvious," she declares.

Many individuals contributed to the successful event without actually jumping. Eighth-grade student Kevin Drummond promoted spirit by acting as disc jockey and playing popular tunes, including requests. School Nurse Sue Lever was on hand to count money and assist with minor injuries. The Student Council helped out with set-up before the event and clean-up afterwards. Many parents also assisted in various capacities

Powder Mill Principal Herbert Pace comments that he was really impressed with students from his school. "This event spoke well for the public spirit of the students," he says, adding, "Their energy was fantastic. Everything from the way Ms. DeCosmo ran it to the way the kids participated was great.

Additional comments from onlookers brought forth humorous remarks on several parents who stopped by to pick up their children and then could not resist the opportunity to jump rope for a few minutes themselves.

Oranges for the occasion were donated by Jones' Market, and prizes for the poster contest were free passes from Babbs' Skating Rink.

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THESE 10 JUNIORS AT SOUTHWICK HIGH were chosen to attend Boys State in June. Drawing names of area businesses who will financially sponsor them are, from left - Eric Michnovez, Sean Plankey, Michael St. Pierre, Kevin Wilson, Robert Bates, Douglas Pepe, David Pulaski, Kurt Mailman, Todd Typrowicz, and Todd Lemieux, and William R. Alamed, Sr., past-commander and longtime member of the American Legion Boys State Program. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

#### **Scholarship Fund Events** Scheduled in Granville

The Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Fund will hold its two annual "Fish Fries" on Friday, May 6 and Friday, May 20 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Granville Village School on Route 57. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Fish dinner includes fries, cole slaw and beverage. Take-out is available.

At both dinners, tickets will be on sale for the "night on the town for two" raffle. Prize includes dinner at Gaetano's in Hartford and transportation via limousine. Donation is \$1.00. The drawing is May 20.

#### Council For The Arts To Award Scholarships

Suffield: For the fifth year the Suffield Council for the Arts will award scholarships to outstanding participants in the fields of visual and performing arts. Each winner will receive \$400.

These awards will be given to any graduating high school students (public or private) or older persons who are Suffield residents and who wish to continue their studies in these fields.

Applications may be obtained by calling Mrs. Carroll Akeley, 668-7973 or John Lazich 668-7209. Deadline for receipt of these applications will be May 30, 1983. Auditions will be held on Thursday,

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Ten students from the junior class at Southwick High School will attend Boys State, a convention to be held at Clark University, Worcester, from June 11th through

Eligibility for this program is based on character, leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship, and achievement, in this order.

The Southwick American Legion Post 338 is the local sponsor, under the direction of William Alamed Sr., a past commander and longtime member of the Boys State program.

The local American Legion Post has received generous financial support from the organization for the ten individuals chosen.

Southwick Police, who will sponsor Robert Bates from Main Road, West Granville; Southwick Lions Club, who will sponsor Todd Lemieux from 8 North Longyard Road; Southwick Recreation Center, who will sponsor Kurt Mailman from 11 White Street; MotoX 338, who will sponsor Douglas Pepe from 306 Shaggbark Drive; Southwick Firemen's Association, who will sponsor Sean Plankey from 192 South Longyard Road; State Line Oil Co., who will sponsor David Pulaski from Dickinson Drive; B & E Tool Co., who will sponsor Michael St. Pierre from 175 Berkshire Avenue; American Legion Post 338, who will sponsor Todd Typrowicz from 4 Granaudo Circle; Southwick Rotary Club, who will sponsor Kevin Wilson from South Longyard Road; and **Southwick Grange**, who will sponsor Eric Michnovez from Maple Street, Granville.

# Southwick High Concert Band Exchange



A HIGH SCHOOL BAND FROM DOVER, PENNSYLVANIA recently visited Southwick High School for an annual exchange. Here, the two bands hold joint rehearsals which climaxed in a performance in the high school gym. Darrell Justh directs the Dover High Band and Ernest DeNapoli the Southwick High Band. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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The Hartford National College Fair will be held at the Hartford Civic Center on Wednesday, May 11th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, May 12th, from 9 to 1.

The fair has been publicized at the high school and all juniors wishing to attend, either on our bus or on their own, should have gotten permission slips into the guidance office so that their absence is allowed. Any students who did not bring in permission slips by May 5th and underclassmen are advised to take part in the Wednesday evening program with their folks.

Congrats go to Lynda Goodwin, who received a silver medal in the New Britain International Gym Meet. Lynda also set a new school record of 5'5" in the high jump.

Congratulations to the latest additions to our college acceptance list. Kevin Brown and Margaret Colturi were both accepted to UConn, and Lisa Ely was accepted to Franklin Pierce.

# Madrigal Dinner & Consort Scheduled

The Suffield High School Camerata Choir will present its annual Madrigal Dinner and Consort on Friday, May 20th, at 6:00 and 8:15 p.m. in Madrigal Hall, Suffield High School.

A concert of 14th through 16th century music will be sung. Recorder, brass, and dance ensembles will also participate.

Reservations for the ham steak dinner, at \$7.50 each, may be made through members of the Camerata Choir or by calling Suffield High at 668-7328.

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# SPORTS/RECREATION

# Rams Bats Boom In 13-1 Laugher Over Hapless Dean Voke

By Bob Hrycay

Paced by a three-hit, 12 strikeout performance by first-time starter Eric Jackson, the Southwick High baseball team kept atop the Division D dogfight with a 13-1 laugher over woeful Dean Voke at Holyoke's Springdale Park this past Thursday.

The Rams bats did some talking too, banging out 13 hits and the Hawks helped matters considerably by committing seven errors. Using four of those miscues as a launching pad, the winners tallied two unearned runs in the first and another five in the following frame.

Third baseman Dan Cook went 3-5 from the plate and drove home a pair, one on a double to the gap in right center to score Tom McLaughlin in the second frame. The lanky first baseman went 2-2 with an RBI to his credit.

Also going 2-2 from the plate was second baseman Brad Kovisto who drove in two. His opposite field single plated Todd Phillips with the first of four Rams runs in the third.

Shortstop Todd Typrowicz, another in the Rams twohit parade, crashed a triple to score Kovisto. Jim Bruno followed with a line single to center for the inning's third run. Mike Molta capped the six-hit explosion with an infield nubber for the fourth run to push the lead to 11-0.

While his mates were busy at the plate, Jackson was befuddling the Hawks with his curveball, recording the first eight outs of the game by strikeout. Of his 12 K's, Jackson caught six Hawks looking at third strikes.

The Hawks were held hitless until Tom Boutilier's leadoff single in the fourth. They spoiled Jackson's shutout bid with an unearned run in the seventh.

Lefty John Watts went the distance for the losers and give him points for determination amid his club's atrocious fielding. He came on strong in the last three innings to finish with an eye-opening 14 strikeouts.

Darryl Leveille was the big man on the hill once again this past Wednesday as the Rams downed game Westfield Voke, 6-2.



MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL Division D leading varsity baseball team, are, back row -John Coward, Eric Jackson, Kyle Moquin, Tom McLaughlin, and Mark Gibson. Middle row - Mike Goneau, Brad Kovisto, Darryl Leveille, Dan Cook, Mike Molta, and Jim Bruno. Front row - Shane Prejzner, Chris Van Camp, Todd Typrowicz, Todd Phillips, Kurt Geryk, and Sean Plankey. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

The junior righty, tabbed as a last minute starter by Coach Jim Vincent, scattered five hits, fanned two, and walked none in upping his record to 3-0.

Leveille pushed his scoreless inning chain to 19 and two-thirds until having it broken on Don Starzyk's solo homer in the fourth.

Voke's other run in the seventh was unearned, thus Leveille's stat sheet reads like this: three complete games, two shutouts, eight hits allowed in 23 innings of work and a brilliant 0.04 ERA.

Kurt Geryk's two hits and two RBI's, including a steal of home paced the locals six-hit attack. His two-run safety amid a four-run uprising in the opening frame put the Rams ahead to stay.

Southpaw John Coward and Hampshire's Matt Rice locked up in a memorable pitcher's duel on Friday, April 29th in Southwick, with Rice tossing a no-hitter in a 2-0 win to hand the Rams, their initial loss of the season.

Vincent, noting that Rice simply "overpowered" his charges, watched helplessly as Rice fanned eight. Coward held the visitors hitless for five innings and allowed just three safeties for the contest. He fanned nine and walked four.

The Rams took a 7-1 mark into this past Friday's

The Rams took a 7-1 mark into this past Friday's home game with Belchertown at presstime. They'll host Granby on Monday with an 8-1 mark going in after a probable victory over Belchertown.

# SUFFIELD RECREATION

The Suffield Recreation Department has announced a spring tennis program for women 19 and over. The program will run for five weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Suffield High School courts, beginning May 17th.

Lessons will be taught by Helena Manizza, formerly the girls' tennis coach at Suffield High. Cost for ten lessons will be \$24.

To register or for further information, please call the Recreation Department at 668-2037.

#### Suffield Little League Sets Dance For V.F.W. Hall

The Suffield Little League will hold a dance on Saturday, May 14th from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall on Sheldon Street. Music will be provided by Jerry Crane

Tickets are \$6 per person and may be purchased at Mark Drug, Pilgrim Barber Shop of Suffield Village,

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### **Suffield Linksters Rise** To 6-1 Mark

By Mary Beth Prew

In-between the rain storms and soggy courses of the past two weeks, the powerful Suffield High golf team has ripped the links to up their record to a hefty 6-1.

The Wildcats' first May match was against the Enfield Raiders on May 2nd. All 13 points were taken by

the local golfers who won easily, 13-0.
Russell Fricke finished his round with a 76 and Kurt Knoefel took his opponent with an 82 while Ted Lyon registered an 83. Jeff Brackett shot an 86, Phil Kelly an 87 and John Kingman a 93 for the winners

Coach Jim Gregor said that the locals had some difficulty keeping their scores down as high winds made playing conditions more than difficult.

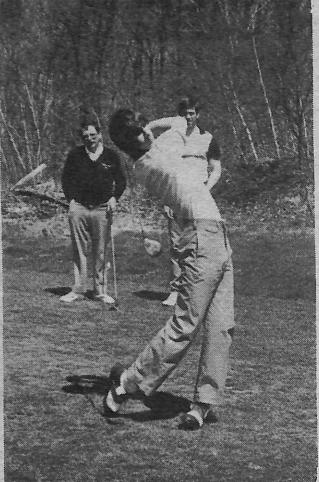
In an earlier match on Thursday, April 28th, Suffield bowed to powerful South Windsor High who represents the Connecticut Valley Conference, but defeated Rockville in a tri-meet.

The Wildcats fell just three strokes short of winning the match because all of the players were tied before the aggregate point was awarded. South Windsor had a 319 and Suffield a 322 in a close match all the way.

A few days before the tri-match the Wildcats destroyed the East Granby Crusaders, 13-0. Russ Fricke

led the charge with an impressive 73 for the winners. Gregor said that a "real dogfight" has been evident on the team this year between Craig Fricke, Phil Kelly, and John Kingman, all of whom are vying for the fifth and final spot on the varsity

The squad's next match will be on Wednesday, May



SUFFIELD HIGH'S NUMBER ONE GOLFER, Russell Fricke, tees off in a match last week. Advertiser/News

# Chicopee, EL Bring Rams Tracksters Back To Earth

By Bob Hrycay

Like a first time runner in the Boston Marathon hitting that ominous wall known as "Heartbreak Hill," the Southwick High boys track and field team faltered badly against strong Division B rivals East Longmeadow and Chicopee last week.

The Rams fell to 4-2 in a stunning 97-48 setback at home to the Pacers this past Thursday as even a record performance by Evan Anderson in the mile wasn't nearly enough to overcome the onslaught of triple winners John Novak and Vin Kotowski.

Andersen set a new school mark of 4:29.8, breaking the old mark he ran last spring of 4:33. Other than his heroics, however, the locals had very little to cheer

Novak and Kotowski bounced the Rams with 34 points between them. Novak took firsts in the long jump, 440, and 880; while Kotowski did his act in the high jump, triple jump, and the 220 high hurdles.

Kotowski's win in the triple jump stopped Brian Phillips' unbeaten streak at six, though the Rams senior had one of his better outings in taking second at

Explaining his team's losses after their celebrated early season romps, Ram-Coach Dick Atkinson candidly remarked, "We've been stealing points all along. Our winning distances and times have been mediocre and now all of a sudden we're getting beaten badly."

The Rams mentor had plenty of kind words for distance runners Brett Matossian, Mike Nelson, along

with his winning mile relay squad.

Matossian ran his best 440, taking third in 56.5. In the two mile, runnerup Nelson kept up with Pacer Dave Haneckak for much of the way and came home in

Rams mile relayers Ron Ward, Matossian, Dave DeRay and Anderson posted their best time of 3:48. Atkinson remarked, "They should be around 3:40 by the end of the season and they're getting there.'

In the field events, steady senior Ken Moore won the discus (128.7 feet) and took third in the shotput (36.6 feet). Eric Camissa, John Reed, and Eric Leavitt swept the javelin for the Rams with Camissa hurling the spear at 131.2 feet.

All in all, however, it was a day when Atkinson had to sigh and say about his boys, "I hope we learned something." The Rams are now preparing for tough road tests this week at Putnam on Tuesday, May 10th and at Greenfield on Thursday, May 12th.

NOTE: In the team scoring race, Phillips leads with 73.5 ponts, followed by More's 47, Anderson's 45, and

#### **Suffield Little League Plans Annual Candy Sale**

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# Rams Gals Making Strides In Track

By Bob Hrycay

Though their progress can't be measured in the win column as yet, the Southwick High girls' track and field team continues to make big strides towards respectability under new Coach Dana White.

The improvement of the girls' track program showed up in last Tuesday's narrow 63-55 loss to Division B pacesetter Agawam.

"The girls were psyched," said White, as his Rams took top honors in the discuss, javelin, mile, mile relay,

Steady Kathy Brignoli (82.10½ feet) led a Ram sweep of the discus with Evonne DeVerry and Carey Girard taking second and third.

Frosh Lisa Ehrhardt was perhaps the most pleasant surprise of the day, winning the javelin in only her first try at it this season with a toss of 81.6 feet. "She's got a lot of potential," White beamed.

Senior Carol Deedy, who holds the school record in the mile, took that event easily in 5:57, though White is counting on her to break 5:50 in order to qualify for the Western Mass. Tournament.

Deedy ran the first leg of the mile relay that included Mariella Pettus, Sue Dold, and Lora Gagnon who outraced the Brownies in 5:09. Pettus paced a Rams sweep of the 880 in 2:57 which was followed by Karen Seibert (3:00) and Gagnon (3:03).

Other Rams placing in the running events were Betsy Deedy in the 220 (second, 29.3), Amy Breton in the two mile (second in the 15:00), and Dold in the 440 (second

With much young talent starting to make their mark, 'hite boasts, "We're on the upswing." The lady Rams White boasts, "We're on the upswing." The lady Rams hosted South Hadley on Friday (presstime) and have a busy week coming up. They travel to Holyoke on Tuesday, come home to face Clasical on Wednesday, and hit the road once more against Commerce on Friday.



The Southwick Recreation Center is now offering an aerobic fitness class through the expertise of "Energies an aerobic fitness studio based in Unlimited,

The classes will be held at the Southwick Rec Center on Powder Mill Road on Mondays and Thursdays, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. The cost will be \$30 per six week session, and includes two classes per

week On rainy or poor weather days in Agawam on 299 Springfield Street. For more information and registration, call Leslie at 569-6780.

# Alive In Softball Race By Bob Hrycay

The Southwick High girls softball team kept up their drive to the Division D top spot by whipping Smith Academy and St. Mary's this past week.

Mike Camerota's Rams won their fifth straight on Wednesday, crushing the Saints at home, 14-3, behind a 13-hit attack and solid pitching by Jamie York.

The winners scored twice in each of the first three frames, then blew it open in a five-run fourth with the help of some fine baserunning.

In the first, speedy leadoff hitter Maryann Marceno, who went 3-6 with 3 RBI's, played tablesetter for the locals. She reached on an error, stole second, scurried to third on a passed ball and scored on Cindy Slate's groundout.

Shortstop Cindy Lapan, no slouch in the speed department either, reached on another Saint miscue, swiped second, and raced home on Wendy Chase's single. That made it 2-0 and the Rams never looked

The five run rally in the fourth featured a solo homer to the left field gap by catcher Renee Duval, who went 2-5 from the plate. York helped her cause with a tworun single in the fifth. She picked-up her second win on the mound, scattering four hits while fanning four.

At Smith Academy last Monday, the Rams played what Camerota called "our best game of the year" as Robin Schools pitched a three-hitter in an 8-4 triumph.

The Rams rapped out nine hits with Alison Hiers leading the attack with 3 hits and 3 RBI's. Also produc-

ing run scoring hits were Lapan and Kim Hepburn. What had Camerota smiling was his team glovework. The winners committed just one miscue in the first inning but fielded every other chance flawless-

ly the rest of the way.
"We feel confident," Camerota said before his team took on Hopkins Academy this past Friday (presstime). A total team effort on offense and defense has been the difference for us.

Southwick stood at 6-3 overall before their return match with Hopkins. They hit the road to face Hampshire on Tuesday and return home to meet Granby on

# Southwick Girls Come Farmington Deals Cats First Girls Track Loss

By Amanda Hastings

Suffield's girls track and field team split two meets this past week, pasting Stafford 70-52 on April 28th but absorbed their first loss of the season to Farmington on

Against Stafford, the locals captured first in the 4 x 100 meter relay to start things off with a bang. Kathy Kriss won the 300 meter hurdles but Stafford victored in the 100 meter hurdles.

Stafford also placed strong, winning the 100, 200, 1500, and 3000 meter events although a Wildcat did manage to place in each event. Suffield took the 400 meter run (Kathy Leahan) and 800 meter run (Verena Hoene).

In the field events, Suffield dominated and snatched the decision here. They captured four of the five events, and had a second and third in two of them. In the shot, Missy Wentworth hit a 9.18 foot throw followed by Ann Golec with a 8.99 and Charlene Hawley with 8.72

In the high jump, Lynda Goodwin, the silver medalist in the Hartford Invitational, followed with an explosive 5.5 foot effort to establish a new Suffield school record. Wentworth checked in a 5.2 feet and Annettee Gaynor

Chelen Edwards could not be denied in th discus (27.13), while Leahan won the long jump (4.57). Stafford placed first in the javelin but Suffield's Edwards and Hawley were second and third, respectively.

With the loss to Farmington, Suffield dropped to 3-1 overall but remain 3-0 in the NCCC. Farmington was very strong in the long distance running as they took all places in the 1500 and 3000 meters. Kathy Kriss wore the roses in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles while Latonia Lindsay won the 100 meter run for the locals.

Kathy Leahan checked in with firsts in the 200 and 400 meters and Chelen Edwards, Charlene Hawley, and Julie Sauer placed one, two, three in the javelin. Leahan and Lynda Goodwin won the long jump and high jump, respectively as has been the custom so far this season.

Following the tough loss to Farmington, the locals will participate in the Nutmeg Relays on Saturday, May 14th and a NCCC meet against Granby on Thursday,

#### Racquets Bow Twice In Schoolboy Tennis By Mary Beth Prew

The Suffield High boys' varsity tennis team was conquered by Farmington on Wednesday, May 4th and also lost to Prince Tech as the weather has been cold and blustery for most of the early spring matches on the courts.

In the loss to Farmington, Carl Casinghino lost a three set match as did his brother, Brian, in the first and second singles matches, respectively.

Tom Naughton and Chris Perry were each defeated

in straight sets in third and fourth singles play. David Dixon and teammate Eric Valdes went down in two sets to finish singles competition.

Naughton and Peter Mann bowed in first doubles action while Dixon and Brian Casinghino just missed in the second doubles slot.

Earlier in the week Suffield dropped a close 4-3 dec-

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SUFFIELD'S BETH GLIME (Number 8) makes the put out at first in the Wildcats' defeat of East Granby last Monday. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

# Wildcat Softball Fighting For .500 Mark

By Amanda Hastings

Winning two of their past six games, Suffield High's varsity girls softball nine now stands at 3-6 overall and 1-5 in the NCCC but are fighting to reach the .500

In highlighting Suffield's most recents win, they defeated Canton High on Friday, April 22nd and beat East Granby on Monday May 2nd.

The locals blasted off in a 27-17 win over Canton on just seven hits as 23 walks and errors completely dominated the losers.

Amy Leach was Suffield's hitting star with two singles. Beth Glime and Michele Dion rapped doubles, while Ann Sangiovanni, Kathy Kavanagh, and Paula Marek each chipped in with a single. Only three Wildcat batters were fanned.

Marek and Dion combined for five strikeouts but walked 21 on their own. Marek was declared the winning pitcher. Canton rapped 14 hits including two singles and a double from Mary Pronga.

In their 28-1 shellacking of East Granby, Suffield scored five runs on five hits in the first inning and after that assault it was all downhill for the losers

All told, Suffield collected 26 hits with Missy Ives smacking five singles and Kathy Kavanagh and Ann Sangiovanni slapped three hits apiece. Dani Small chipped in with two singles and a double and Amy Leach contributed to the cause with two singles.

Suffield hopes to down the Stafford Bulldogs on Tuesday, May 10th as they climb towards the .500 **Suffield Nine Flounder** With 3 More Losses

By Amanda Hastings

The Suffield High varsity baseball team seems to have fallen into a rut which is proving to be more and more difficult to get out of. They have absorbed three more setbacks in recent activity, bowing to Somers, East

Granby, and Granby.
On Friday, April 29th, Somers tarred and feathered the locals, 15-2. John Vanvilis fanned five and walked five while the Spartans backed him up with 10 hits. Ray Burgess and Mike Accorsi led the assault on the beleaguered Wildcats, who were held to just three hits

Two of them came from center fielder Dan Sheridan. The other was a sixth inning triple from Pete Winiarski who then scored on an error. Shortstop Rick Lindau tallied Suffield's other run in the seventh as he reached on an error and later crossed the plate.

Suffield starter and loser Mark Burton walked five and was relieved by junior Wayne Lancioni who fanned four and walked one.

Little did Mark Burton know that in Suffield's next contest against East Granby a wicked collision at first base would leave him with a broken wrist and on the in-

East Granby, behind pitcher Charlie Hall, whitewashed Suffield, 5-0 as the local nine was plagued by errors

Hall whiffed seven Wildcats and allowed just four hits two of them to starter and loser Jim Danise and one apiece to Pete Winiarski and sophomore Bob Mandirola. Of the five Crusader runs, only one was earned.

In their contest against Granby on May 4th, Suffield came closer to defeating the Bears as Peter Winiarski retired the first nine batters he faced in innings one, two, and three

Winiarski helped his own cause in the second when he doubled and catcher Steve Gorman plated him on a double. Bob Butler, Rick Lindau, Greg Stagg, and Bob Mandirola also chipped in with singletons for Suffield.

Suffield led 1-0 going into the bottom of the fourth. Leadoff Bear batter Billy Graves reached on an error, stole second and, on the attempt to nail him, Gorman overthrew second base allowing Graves to reach third.

Dan Sheridan's throw from center field to third base was wild and Graves scampered home with the tying

Rick Orluck doubled and Andy Corvell ripped a single to plate the winning run for Granby to end Suffield's agony at a heartbreaking 2-1

Granby hurler Frank Sarr held the Cats for the rest of the way and fanned 10 while walking just one. He allow-

Suffield meets Stafford on Tuesday, May 10th at Bruce Park and at presstime, Safford, like Suffield, has yet to win.

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sion to Prince Tech. Carl Casinghino lost a close threesetter while brother Brian, also lost in second singles

play.

Tom Nauahton achieved a win for Suffield as did

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Kent Daigle and Andy Das volleyed to victory in the third doubles for the

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